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Amendment

ABSTRACT

o/ The assembly includes a pair of parallel guide rails, each shaped generally as an inverted U; a first gate segment having at least one pair of rollers positioned on opposite lateral sides thereof, where each roller is received within a respective one of the guide rails so that the first gate segment is guided by the pair of guide rails; a second gate segment having at least one pair of rollers positioned on opposite lateral sides thereof, where each roller is received within a respective one of the guide rails so that the second gate segment is guided by the pair of guide rails; and at least one substantially rigid cross-bar pivotally connected between the first and second gate segments. The first gate segment is guided by the guide rails from a first barrier position in which it is positioned entirely within the front vertical portions of the guide rails to an open position in which it is positioned at least partially in the horizontal portion of the guide rails; and the second gate segment is guided by the guide rails from a second barrier position in which it is positioned entirely within the back vertical portions of the guide rails to an open position in which it is positioned at least partially in the horizontal portion of the guide rails. The cross-bar has a length which requires that when the first gate segment is in its barrier position the second gate segment will be in its open position, and vice-versa. Therefore, because the cross-bar is substantially rigid, it will restrict the first and second gate segments from being lifted simultaneously to their open positions.

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